

HINDENBURG TO SHORTEN WEST LINE

He Alone Can Without Collapse of Public Faith, London View.

MORE MEN FOR BALKANS

Kaiser Certain of Great Achievements by General, Message Says.

LONDON, Aug. 31 (Thursday).—The military critic of the Times, commenting on the appointment of Field Marshal von Hindenburg as Chief of the German General Staff, says:

"All this summer von Hindenburg has been eating his heart out on the Russian front, while the troops for whom he clamored have been frittered away at Verdun. His interests and predilections are believed to be in the east. He belongs to the strategic school which would have struck in the east. The position points to the probable shortening of the front in France and Flanders, and he is today the only man in Germany who could order the ruthless shortening of the western front without the collapse of public faith."

"Man of Big Ideas."

The Times has the following editorial comment on the change in the German staff:

"In her deadly peril Germany is unlikely to have chosen the new chief merely to placate public feeling. We shall do well to take von Hindenburg seriously and to recognize that, though conditions are against him, he is no weakling. The glimpses we have had of him suggest a man with big and simple ideas, which often make for success in war."

Other editorial comments follow:

Daily Express: "Von Falkenhayn has fallen because he has failed to draw public attention from the 'dreadful blunder' of the Crown Prince in initiating a campaign which has proven the greatest blow the Hohenzollern dynasty has suffered in the war."

"Too Big for Hindenburg."

Daily Express: "The problems with which Field Marshal von Hindenburg will have to deal will be far beyond his capacity. He is just a big, genial, old-fashioned man, a Napoleon in a military uniform, but not a Napoleon in the sense of the greatest genius who could now save Germany."

Daily Telegraph: "The situation may well mark the end of the old and the fall of the German military power." **Morning Post:** "Von Hindenburg, the powerful old, is chosen as the readiest screen behind which the Hohenzollern dynasty can shelter itself. The most that the German high command now dares hope for is an honorable peace. Von Falkenhayn's fall is a blow to the army, a blow to the nation, a blow to the cause of carrying the guilt of his war."

The Daily Chronicle expresses the belief that the change in the chief of staff means that the Germans are preparing a great offensive blow against Riga and Petrograd.

The Verdun scheme has failed, says the newspaper. "The alternative is a blow against Petrograd, always has been associated with von Hindenburg."

LAUDS HINDENBURG.

Kaiser Expects "Best Service Imaginable": Honors Falkenhayn.

BERLIN, via London, Aug. 30.—In his message to Field Marshal von Hindenburg appointing him to succeed General Falkenhayn as Chief of the General Staff, the Kaiser said:

"I appoint you Chief of the General Staff of the field army and am convinced I could not entrust this office to better hands. I confidently expect you will render the best services imaginable to my army and the Fatherland."

"I seize this opportunity to express to the victorious protector of the eastern front my heartfelt thanks for all he has done for the Fatherland during the two years of the war."

The Imperial order removing Gen. Erich von Falkenhayn reads as follows:

"Not wishing to oppose your desire to be relieved of your office, I seize the opportunity to thank you heartily for the devotion and loyalty you have displayed during the past two years to my heavy and responsible office, to which you devoted all your strength and initiative. What you especially accomplished in your energetic and foresightful labor and in your indefatigable perseverance for the army and the Fatherland will never be forgotten."

The German newspapers express unanimous satisfaction over the appointment of Field Marshal von Hindenburg as Chief of Staff.

The Tagblatt says: "An important step forward has been taken which will be of the greatest importance alike to our allies and our enemies."

The Vossische Zeitung says: "The war has entered the critical stage, which brings us nearer a decision and which demands that our armies shall be led by a man who has the implicit confidence of the people. This confidence von Hindenburg has in a degree seldom attained by an army commander."

OUSTED BY HINDENBURG

Austrian General Replaced by Bernhardt, Favorite of Kaiser.

ZURICH, Aug. 30.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg, according to a despatch received here today, recently removed the Austrian Major-General Funnke from command of the army corps defending the Kovel section of the front in Volhynia and gave the command of the troops there to Gen. Friedrich von Bernhardt.

Gen. von Bernhardt at his own request was assigned by Emperor William to a field command in September, 1915. The General is one of the best known military writers of Germany. In 1912 he wrote a book entitled "Germany in the Next War," in which he forecast many of the main features of the present campaign.

More Money for Pensioners.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—In response to the prolonged agitation regarding the hardships suffered by Government war pensioners by reason of the increase in the price of necessities the Government has decided in special cases to make an additional allowance not exceeding half a crown (five pence) a week.

Santa Cruz Favors Sale to U. S.

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., Aug. 30.—The Legislature of Santa Cruz has adopted and voted to the Danish Government a resolution favoring the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States.

TIRPITZ "MANIFESTO" DENIED.

Berlin Calls Report Effort to Re-arrange America and Germany.

BERLIN (by Wireless to Sayville), Aug. 30.—"According to recent reports," says the Overseas News Agency, "the American press is concerned about a so-called manifesto of Admiral von Tirpitz having to do with naval warfare."

"No such manifesto is known in Germany. Evidently use has been made of a private telegram of the retired Admiral with the object of estranging feeling between the United States and Germany."

In a report received by Secretary Lansing by mail August 24 from Ambassador Gerard the statement was made that a "manifesto" strongly advocating the immediate resumption of unrestricted submarine warfare on merchant vessels had been published in Berlin. The "manifesto" was attributed to Admiral von Tirpitz, but Secretary Lansing explained Mr. Gerard's report did not specify whether it had been issued by Admiral von Tirpitz in person or the Navy League, which is a creation of von Tirpitz.

WHY ITALY WARS ON GERMANY.

Wants Equal Voice With Britain and France in Peace Parleys.

ROME, Aug. 30.—Finance Minister Meda, who represents the Catholic party in the Cabinet, was speaking officially for the Italian Government, said tonight:

"The main reason why Italy declared war on Germany is that unless she did so she would not have had an equal voice with Great Britain and France in the peace negotiations."

Further, there is another good reason for entering the war against Germany. For a time Catholics stood for neutrality. Now they realize the force of right over the right of force.

"It is an illusion to believe that with the coming of peace the desires of the Catholics will be realized, that after the war will come the golden age. After its present terrible experience Europe must prepare to prevent its recurrence; otherwise it must despair forever of social progress."

KAISER'S NAME BLOTTED OUT.

Removed From Senatorial Palace on Capitol Hill, Rome.

ROME, Aug. 30.—Workmen have chopped off the marble memorial name of Emperor William and the German Crown Prince, Frederick William, which was placed in the Senatorial Palace on Capitol Hill during a visit of the German Emperor to Rome twenty years ago.

The names were ordered removed by the city government.

TWO SWEDISH SHIPS SEIZED.

German Destroyers Capture Them and Tow Them Southward.

LONDON, Aug. 30.—The Swedish steamships Roslagen, 1,394 tons, of Stockholm and the Tor have been seized by German torpedo boat destroyers and taken southward, says a Lloyd's despatch from Copenhagen.

Three steamships named Tor are listed in the shipping registers, two of which are small vessels, while the third, 1,037 tons, hails from Stockholm.

BERLIN PEACE TALK STOPPED.

Meeting of Socialist Electrical Unions Prohibited.

AMSTERDAM (via London), Aug. 30.—The Frankfurter Zeitung says the meeting of socialist electrical unions in Berlin proposed for yesterday, when Deputy Haase intended to speak on peace, was prohibited.

The Frankfurter Zeitung says a general examination of all men of military age in Germany who previously were exempted is now taking place. German officials who heretofore had been declared indispensable, the newspaper says, also are being examined.

France Orders Flags Raised.

Paris, Aug. 30.—For the first time since Italy entered the war the French Government today ordered that flags be raised on all official buildings in recognition of the declarations of war by Italy against Germany and by Rumania against Austria-Hungary.

ROMANIANS TAKE CITY OF KRONSTADT

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The Rumanian troops astride a railroad which connects with the entire railroad system of Transylvania, and eastern Hungary, and also connects with one of Rumania's strategic railroads at Calcuta. Thus the Rumanians already have established a line of communication for their invasion of northern Transylvania.

This advance also is practically certain to necessitate withdrawal of the Austrians from the Bukovina, and in turn in Galicia. Further retirement there would force a withdrawal by the Germans opposing the Rumanians further north, perhaps all along the long battle line to the Gulf of Riga.

Joined Czar's Troops.

That a junction of the Rumanian troops, reaching down from their Bukovina front, that was to be made already has been announced. It is likely that Rumanian troops have joined or soon will join the Rumanians fighting about Gyergo. The fighting here has been hot, but the Rumanians are going forward steadily.

The Rumanian statement, sent from Bucharest yesterday, and so a day late, contains the news that on the night of Sunday, the very day on which war was declared, Rumanian troops crossed the Transylvanian frontier.

This is taken here as a sure indication of the extent to which Rumania and her new allies already had planned the campaign, and the extent to which they had undertaken against Germany and Austria.

The Rumanian statement follows:

On the western and northern fronts Rumanian troops crossed the Austro-Hungarian frontier during the night of the 27th and after fairly lively fighting reached numerous points, including Mount Paganet, northwest of Gyergo, Kiospocsa Hill, west of Gyergo, and the village of Hossafut, four kilometers (about three miles) east of Kronstadt (Brassov). Our army placed in the city of Kronstadt a petroleum depot. Our Fourth Army Corps has taken seven officers and 734 men prisoners.

An armed enemy tug opened fire on Turda river, but retired to Orsova under the cover of our batteries. Austro-Hungarian monitors opened fire on Gyergo, but were compelled to retire by our artillery.

The report that Rumanian troops have taken Hermannstadt as well as Kronstadt is published in the Petit Parisien today, which speaks of "two large Hungarian cities captured." As it is known that a Rumanian column is aiming at Hermannstadt it is supposed this is the other large city.

The Central News correspondent at Zurich, Switzerland, wires that the Rumanian persists that Rumanian cavalry has crossed the Hothenthal Pass and is approaching Hermannstadt.

Bulgaria, and Sofia in particular, is in a state of Russo-Rumanian invasion through the Dobruja, according to news reaching Zurich from Austrian sources. The same despatch says Rumanian aeroplanes are directing the fire of their artillery with deadly effect in the mountain fighting.

WILL SHORTEN FRONT.

Abandonment of Part of Transylvania by Austro-Hungarian Forces.

BERLIN (via London), Aug. 30.—The abandonment of part of Transylvania to the Rumanians is forecast in despatches from London and Austrian sources. The same despatch says Rumanian aeroplanes are directing the fire of their artillery with deadly effect in the mountain fighting.

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OFFICIAL RECORDS OF THE WAR MOVES

French Make Gain East of Fleury—Artillery Active in Heavy Storms.

PARIS, Aug. 30.—The French official communication issued this evening says:

On the Somme front there has been moderate artillery activity. The bad weather continues.

In Lorraine, in the Belton sector, enemy detachments which twice attempted to approach our lines were repulsed by our barrage fire.

On the rest of the front there is nothing to report.

Advance East of Fleury.

There was the usual cannonading along the whole front. There is nothing to report in regard to the operations of last night except a minor enterprise which permitted us to advance to the east of Fleury.

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North of Ouliers-Potieres our brave troops again repulsed in heavy hand to hand fighting the English detachments which had penetrated our positions at a few points.

Assault Failed, Says Berlin.

On the right bank of the Meuse renewed French attacks near Fleury and against our position between the village and Chapelle wood, prepared for by violent artillery fire, again broke down.

Southeast of Fleury the enemy was driven back by a counter attack.

North of Ancre Brook and to the west of Muehlhausen an enemy aeroplane was put out of action at each place in an aerial battle. Two aeroplanes were brought down by our anti-aircraft guns north of the Somme.

Another was forced to land within our lines near Soyecourt.

Eastern theatre—North of the Carpathians there was no event of special importance. German troops stormed Mount Kukul, to the northeast of Zabe.

Balkans.—The situation generally is unchanged.

The Austrian Report.

BERLIN (by Wireless to Sayville), Aug. 30.—The Austro-Hungarian headquarters statement of August 29 says:

In the Bukovina and in the Galician Carpathians there was nothing important. In the engagements north of Mariampol, reported yesterday, more than a hundred men and one machine gun were brought in. South of Zbarov our troops by a counter attack frustrated Russian attempts to approach.

On Field Marshal von Hindenburg's front near Sannikov Russian attacks broke down before our artillery fire. Near Rudkova-Chervische there were infantry engagements.

Italian front: The enemy was more active on several sectors of the front. Our positions in the Fassa Alps were shelled continuously by heavy artillery. Attacks against Monte Cauro and Cima di Cece were repulsed. On the